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EAST BATON ROUGE PARISH LIBRARY
MAY 2026

# GET READY FOR SUMMER READING!

**Summer Reading is just around the corner, and we are kicking things off at the end of this month with two special events at the Main Library at Goodwood for kids and teens!**

★ Teens can head to the library on Wednesday, May 27 at 2:30 p.m. to celebrate the start of summer with games, crafts, snacks, & more!

★ Then join us on Thursday, May 28 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. for a fun-filled event for the whole family featuring music, magic, community booths, and more. Enjoy special performances by Lady Chops at 10 a.m. and 12 p.m., and Tim the Magician at 11 a.m.

Bring your curiosity and let your imagination grow this summer! Join the fun with East Baton Rouge Parish Library's 2026 Summer Reading Challenge, Plant a Seed, Read! Beginning Monday, June 1 and running through Saturday, August 15, enjoy a full season of FREE programs, workshops, storytimes, concerts, and performances for all ages across the Library system. Watch your love of reading bloom and discover something new along the way! Learn more about our summer events at www.ebrpl.com/summerreading.

Plant a seed, read!

Track your reading and earn rewards! It's easy! First, sign up at your local Library location or online at ebrpl.beanstack.org, starting June 1. Then, read books and log them into your Beanstack account to earn virtual badges and completion rewards, as well as entries for weekly prize drawings! There are reading challenges and incentives for kids, teens, and even adults!

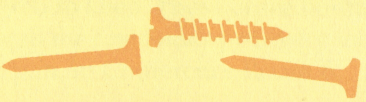
We'll see you at the Library this summer for exciting events and reading rewards!

# FIX-IT FAIRE

Do you have an item sitting around that you've been meaning to fix? Join us for our inaugural Fix-It Faire on Saturday, May 16 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Main Library at Goodwood. At this community repair café, you can bring broken or worn items and learn how to fix them with the help of skilled volunteer "fixers." From jewelry and clothing repairs to small woodworking, bike tune-ups, and basic tech troubleshooting, our experts will guide you through each step so you can build hands-on skills and give your belongings a second life.

The Fix-It Faire is all about learning, sharing knowledge, and reducing waste. Learn something new and leave with something repaired!

Teens, adults, and families can also join our special *Fix Your Clothes* mending session from 2:30 to 4 p.m. During this hands-on workshop, you'll learn how to patch holes, attach buttons, and create simple hems and each participant will take home a travel sewing kit – while supplies last!



**Inside: Library Millage · Authors Row · Memorial Day Concert · and more**

## Authors Row

Meet and greet local authors at Authors Row! You're invited to the Jones Creek Regional Branch on Saturday, May 23, 10 a.m.-3:30 p.m. to discover new books and support local writers. Titles from a variety of genres will be available for purchase and signing. Plus, bring out your inner author by attending an interactive Zoom workshop from 2:30 to 3:30 p.m., where you'll learn how to format, design, and produce professional-quality book files. We will also have FREE ice cream provided by Red River Bank. Don't miss this exciting event!

## Bear Day

Join us for Bear Day at the Main Library at Goodwood on Saturday, May 30 at 10:30 a.m. as we remember the black bear that visited the Broadmoor subdivision last year. This all-ages event will feature a talk from officials with Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries about Louisiana's black bears, and Cuddles the Library Bear will be available for photos. Bring your favorite teddy bear, dress up as a bear, or just come as yourself for this fun and educational event.

# LIBRARY MILLAGE

East Baton Rouge Parish residents will vote on the Library's Millage Continuation proposition on June 27. Early voting begins June 13.

This proposal continues the same funding approach voters have approved since 1986 and is designed to provide long-term stability for the Library system. The proposed rate is 9.5 mills, which is lower than previous rates approved in 1995, 2005, and 2015. The plan keeps the Library's funding dedicated solely to the Library, supporting its services and operations.

If the measure does not pass, the Library will receive no new funding from the 2026 tax year and will have to operate using its savings. A new tax could be proposed in 2027, but any new funding would not be available until 2028.

Therefore, until new funding is secured, the Library would have to:

- Reduce hours of operation
- Cut books, AV, and Libby eBook budgets
- Cancel databases
- Scale back services and programs across the system
- Suspend the Capital Improvements Plan
- Defer maintenance and facility updates

## CONTINUATION PROPOSITION

FAQs and other important information about the Millage Continuation may be found at ebrpl.com/millage or you can scan the QR code. You can also join us at one of our millage question and answer presentations as we "Write the Next Chapter" of your East Baton Rouge Parish Library.

**Main Library at Goodwood**
Friday, May 15 at noon.
Thursday, May 21 at 7 p.m.
Monday, June 8 at 7 p.m.
Sunday, June 14 at 3 p.m.
Monday, June 15 at 3 p.m.

**Baker Branch**
Tuesday, June 9 at 6 p.m.

**Bluebonnet Regional Branch**
Wednesday, June 17 at 6 p.m.

**Carver Branch**
Thursday, June 4 at 6 p.m.

**Central Branch**
Monday, May 18 at 6 p.m.
Monday, June 1 at 6 p.m.

**Delmont Gardens Branch**
Monday, June 8 at 5 p.m.

**Eden Park Branch**
Thursday, June 11 at 2 p.m.

**Fairwood Branch**
Tuesday, June 9 at 6 p.m.

**Greenwell Springs Road Regional Branch**
Tuesday, June 16 at 6 p.m.

**Jones Creek Regional Branch**
Tuesday, June 9 at 2 p.m.

**Pride-Chaneyville Branch**
Tuesday, June 2 at 6 p.m.

**River Center Branch**
Wednesday, June 10 at noon.

**Scotlandville Branch**
Tuesday, May 26 at noon.

**South Branch**
Sunday, May 31 at 6 p.m.
Thursday, June 4 at 10 a.m.

**Zachary Branch**
Wednesday, June 3 at 2 p.m.

## Baton Rouge Soul Food Festival

You're invited to the 9th Annual Baton Rouge Soul Food Festival at the Main Library at Goodwood on Saturday, May 23 and Sunday, May 24, 11 a.m.-8 p.m. each day. Enjoy fabulous southern cuisine, live music, a vendor's village, a soul food cooking competition, and more! A pre-party will be held at Henry Turner, Jr.'s Listening Room on Thursday, May 21st, 7 p.m.-midnight. For more information or to enter the soul food cooking competition, call (225) 802-9681 or visit www.brsoulfoodfest.com.

## Train Day

All Aboard! EBRPL, Greater Baton Rouge Model Railroaders/Old Hickory Train Museum, and TCA Louisiana Chapter invite your family to Train Day at the Library on Saturday, May 2, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., at the Main Library at Goodwood. Celebrating a hobby well over a century old, Train Day will feature an array of operating model train layouts. Steam and diesel locomotives will pull freight and passenger trains through miniature landscapes, filled with houses, town scenes, and more!

## Baker Branch Library Renovation/ Expansion

We want your input on what you'd like to see in the Baker Branch renovation and expansion. Join us for a Concept Design Charrette on Monday, May 11 from 4–7:30 p.m. at the Baker Branch.

## All Paws on Deck Walk for Pet Cancer Awareness

Join us on Sunday, May 31 at 3 p.m. at the Main Library at Goodwood for the annual All Paws on Deck Walk for Pet Cancer Awareness. This meaningful community event honors pet cancer survivors, remembers pets lost to cancer, and supports ongoing efforts to find a cure. The afternoon will feature pet adoptions, informational booths, and resources on pet cancer and financial assistance programs for pet owners, along with *The Running of the Hounds* fashion show. Learn about the latest research in pet cancer while celebrating the bond between people and their pets.

## Wycinanki Papercutting

Join us on Saturday, May 30 at 1 p.m. at the Main Library at Goodwood for a lecture and demonstration on wycinanki, the traditional Polish art of papercutting, led by Sam Wróbel. This program is funded by a Passing It On Grant from LA Folklife. Registration is required at ebrpl.co/events.

## What is AI?

AI has become a very popular term, but what exactly is AI? How does it work? What are the different types of AI programs? Join us at the South Branch on Tuesday, May 26 at 4 p.m. to learn more about this topic. The information provided will help you to understand the basics of how it works, how it's being used, tips on determining if something is AI generated or not, and much more! Reserve your spot by calling (225) 964-5415 to register.

## Remembering Star 80

Learn about Star 80 at this month's Special Collections Lecture Series, taking place on Wednesday, May 20 at 6 p.m. at the Main Library at Goodwood. Filmmaker Kyle Crane will present highlights from his documentary Just What I Needed and discuss its exploration of the culture that grew out of the iconic dance night held in the early 2000s at the Spanish Moon. A beloved Baton Rouge venue known for its lasting impact on the city's music and nightlife scene, the Spanish Moon is central to the film's reflection on a unique moment in local cultural history. The documentary also revisits the venue's legacy on its 20th anniversary. During the program, Crane will share clips from the film and discuss the recently released 20th anniversary cut, which includes a new prologue featuring interviews with subjects from the original documentary. The documentary is available to watch on YouTube at: https://ebrpl.co/star80

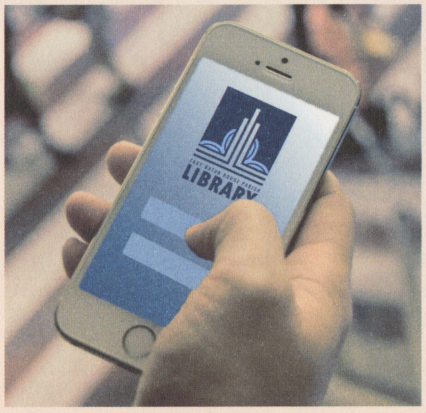
## Author Talk featuring Miranda Hirezi Mugnier

Join author Miranda Hirezi Mugnier for a reading, discussion, and book signing on Saturday, May 9 from 4:15–6:45 p.m. at the Main Library at Goodwood. She will share excerpts from her book, *Scattered Yet Whole*, and take part in a Q&A, with copies available for signing and purchase at the event. Three attendees will receive a complimentary signed copy.

## 3-D Scanning Your Precious Items

Do you have cherished family items—like your grandmother's teapot or your uncle's candy dish—that you'd like to preserve forever? Join us at the Main Library at Goodwood for Digital Heritage Office Hours with LSU professor and artist Christine Bruening. She will digitally scan your treasured items and create a 3D digital model for you to keep. These office hours are offered the first Sunday of every month at 5 p.m. in Conference Room B.

## FEATURED PROGRAMS




### Humana Presents Smartphones 101 for Seniors

Join us for a fun, beginner-friendly class designed to help you feel more comfortable using your smartphone on Tuesday, May 19 at 10:30 a.m. Whether you use an iPhone or Android, tech experts from TDM Tech will guide you through essential functions and help build your confidence using your device every day. Registration is required. Sign up at ebrpl.co/events or call (225) 756-1150.

### One Page at a Time

Join the One Page at a Time Community Book Club as they wrap up their reading season with a special author talk featuring Tanesha Craig-Stewart on Sunday, May 17 at 2:30 p.m. at the Main Library at Goodwood. Registration is required: https://www.ladykenterprisellc.com/

### Sweetheart Sessions

Join Sweetheart Productions at the Main Library at Goodwood on Thursday, May 28 from 6–9 p.m. for an evening celebrating community, art, and culture. Sweetheart Productions is a Baton Rouge-based, woman-led creative brand dedicated to uplifting community through art, storytelling, and live experiences. This event will feature vendors, live performances, and poetry.

### ChatGPT and Chill

Join us for ChatGPT and Chill on Sunday, May 24 at 4 p.m. at the Main Library at Goodwood. This monthly program is for adults who want practical, beginner-friendly support using ChatGPT to create real-world outputs. Each session includes a short mini-lesson, a guided warm- up, and a 60-minute build sprint, where participants leave with a draft deliverable they can use right away. This month's theme is *LinkedIn Glow-Up*, focused on improving your profile and presence with ChatGPT. Attendees will also receive a post-event Prompt Pack PDF to complete at home and reuse anytime. Space is limited to 16 participants, and registration is required.

Register at ebrpl.co/events. While the room has computers available, participants are encouraged to bring their own device (laptop, tablet, or iPad). A free ChatGPT account is required to participate.

Hosted by Dr. Amber Alexis (Geaux Learn Educational Solutions) in partnership with the Louisiana AI Literacy Association.

### Be Red Stick Ready!

Hurricane season begins June 1, but preparation should start now. April is the ideal time to review plans, gather supplies, and ensure households are ready before storms threaten East Baton Rouge Parish. Early preparation reduces stress, prevents last-minute shortages, and helps protect lives and property. Be Red Stick Ready by visiting RedStickReady.com or follow @RedStickReady on Facebook, X, and Instagram. When individuals, families, and businesses take action early, East Baton Rouge Parish is stronger and more resilient when storms approach. Together, East Baton Rouge Parish is Red Stick Ready!

RED STICK READY

## MUSIC

### Dulcimer Concert

Join us in celebrating America's upcoming 250th birthday with the Lagniappe Dulcimer Society, as they perform patriotic songs and tunes from the era of the American Revolutionary War. Two free performances will be held under the grand staircase at the Main Library at Goodwood on Saturdays, May 16 and May 30, from 11 a.m. to noon.

### Talented Music Spring Concert

Join us Friday, May 15 at 7 p.m. at the Main Library at Goodwood for the Talented Music Spring Concert, featuring outstanding student musicians from Baton Rouge Magnet High, Woodlawn High, and McKinley Middle Magnet. Enjoy an evening of vibrant performances showcasing a variety of musical selections.

### Memorial Day Concert

The Baton Rouge Concert Band invites the community to its annual Memorial Day Concert on Monday, May 25 at 7 p.m. on the plaza at the Main Library at Goodwood. This free concert honors the brave men and women of the Armed Forces who made the ultimate sacrifice for our country. Enjoy an evening of remembrance and music featuring patriotic selections, stirring marches, and heartfelt tributes that reflect the meaning of the day. Bring your lawn chairs or picnic blankets and join us for this special Memorial Day tradition.

### Pops Concert

CIVIC ORCHESTRA OF BATON ROUGE

The Civic Orchestra of Baton Rouge concludes its 2025-2026 season with its annual pops concert at the Main Library at Goodwood on Saturday, May 30 at 3 p.m. The concert will feature Broadway favorites with selections from *The Sound of Music, The Phantom of the Opera, Wicked, Hamilton* and more!

## Garden Discoveries

As part of this month's *Garden Discoveries*, the Baton Rouge Botanic Garden Foundation presents "Daylilies at Independence Park," a FREE program led by Master Gardener Claire Fontenot, at the Main Library at Goodwood on Saturday, May 9 at 10 a.m. Discover how to incorporate vibrant daylilies into your home landscape and enjoy their wide range of colors and seasonal beauty. Learn practical tips on planting, dividing, fertilizing, spacing, and caring for these "beauties for the day," along with expert insight from Claire Fontenot, who helped develop the Daylily American Society Display Garden at Independence Park. Weather permitting, a tour will follow of the Baton Rouge Botanic Gardens adjacent to the Library. Registration is available at ebrpl.co/events or call 231-3750 for registration assistance.

## EBR Master Gardeners Gardening Series

Join the East Baton Rouge Master Gardeners for two free, public programs this May!

Master Gardeners Whitney Briggs and Nancy Jurasinski will present Growing Roses and Succulents at the Greenwell Springs Road Regional Branch on Thursday, May 14 at 6:30 p.m.

Learn how to select, grow, and care for roses in South Louisiana, along with an introduction to the wide variety and easy care of succulents.

The Bluebonnet Regional Branch hosts the second program on Thursday, May 28 at 6:30 p.m. featuring Master Gardeners Kerry Hawkins and Debi O'Neill. This session will cover gardening essentials and beekeeping, including how to choose the right growing mediums and soils for your garden, as well as an introduction to beekeeping and ways to support local pollinators.

For more information, visit https://ebrmg.wildapricot.org/.

## Business Librarian Office Hours

Come meet our Business Librarians to discuss "all things business" at the Main Library at Goodwood every Thursday, 4-6 p.m. Whether your business is still a dream, just starting out, or well-established, let us help you optimize its potential. No appointment required! We're also happy to help anytime by appointment at the Library or your place of business. Please call (225) 231- 3750 to make an appointment or for more information.

## VHS digitization and VHS mold cleaner now available at EBR Library

Main Library at Goodwood now offers VHS digitizing and VHS mold cleaning. Do you have some precious home movies you want digitized? We've got free tools to help you at the Library. Do you have VHS tapes with mold that need cleaning? The Library now has the "VHS is Life" Mold Cleaner. Make an appointment with a librarian today!

Reserve the digitizer: ebrpl.co/digitizer Reserve the mold cleaner: ebrpl.co/moldcleaner.

## Free Saturday Tutoring

The Baton Rouge Magnet High School Beta Club will offer FREE tutoring services on Saturday, May 2, 9:30-10:30 a.m., at the Main Library at Goodwood. Beta Club members will help elementary, middle, and high school students. See subjects offered below. Only 60 spots are available each Saturday. Registration is required. Register online at ebrpl.co/tutor or call 231- 3770.

- Elementary students: English, Math, Science, and Reading
- Middle schoolers (6th grade - 8th grade): English, Math, and Science
- High schoolers: English, Math (9th – Calculus), and Science
- Upon advanced request, they will provide tutoring in French, Spanish, and Latin.

## Red Stick Farmers Market

The Red Stick Farmers Market will host a group of farmers and food artisans each Tuesday from 3-6 p.m. at the Main Library at Goodwood, weather permitting. Vendors will set up in the public plaza in front of the Library. Guests can shop for local fruits and vegetables, honey, gelato, prepared foods, bread, jams, jellies and more while visiting the Library or BREC's Independence Community Park and Botanical Gardens. For more information, visit breada.org or follow BREADA at facebook.com/breada.

## Baker Library Farmers and Artisan Market

Stop by the Baker Library's Farmer and Artisan Market on Saturday, May 9 at 2:30 p.m. to get homemade goodies, fresh vegetables, crochet items, jewelry, and much more. Bring your friends and family to shop local vendors selling homemade and homegrown items. Interested in being a vendor? It's completely FREE to register and participate. Go to ebrpl.co/BLFAAM to register or call (225) 778-5960 for more information.

## Get Medieval with It: Forgotten Foods Preparation

Step back in time at the Main Library at Goodwood on Sunday, May 10 at 2 p.m. to explore the history of medieval Icelandic foods and traditional preparation methods. We'll watch *Culinary Adventures in Iceland*, one of the Great Courses available through our Kanopy database, and then sample two bold, historic dishes: fermented shark (hákarl) and surströmming. Think you're up for tasting these famously pungent delicacies?

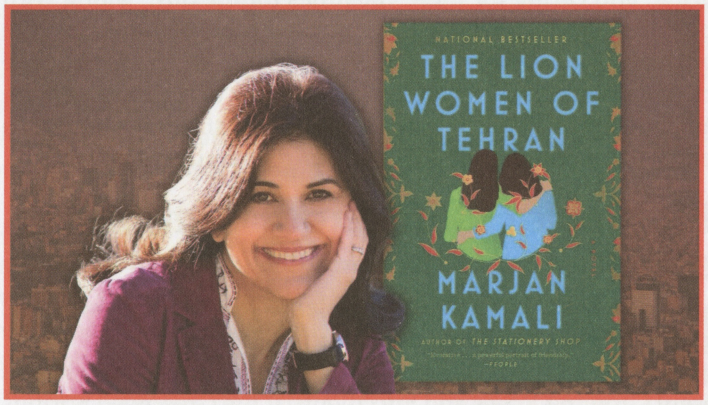
## Virtual Author Talk Series

The Library continues its Virtual Author Talk Series with three new authors in May! Each live, virtual event features a different bestselling author, along with an interactive Q&A session where participants can ask questions directly to the author. See May selections and dates/times below.

Visit **libraryc.org/ebrpl** to register for these virtual events, learn about other upcoming conversations with bestselling authors, and view previous author talk recordings. For more information about these and other virtual events, visit **ebrpl.co/virtual**.

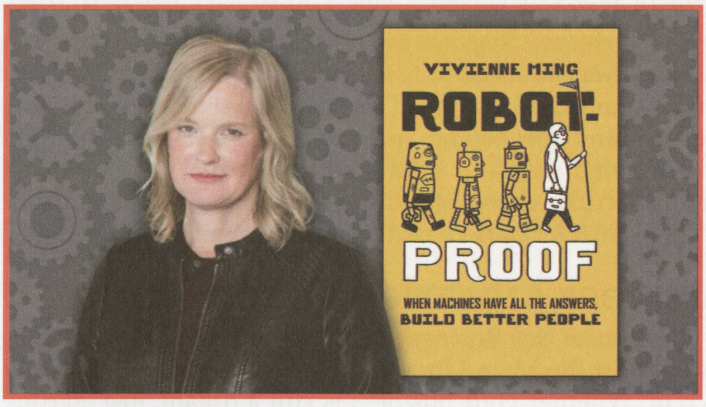
On Courage, Turmoil, and the Transformative Power of Love with Marjan Kamali Internationally Bestselling and Award-Winning Author of *The Stationery Shop* and *Together Tea.*

**Thursday, May 7 at 6 p.m.** – Join us for an exciting conversation with internationally acclaimed author Marjan Kamali as we delve into the timeless wonder of her New York Times bestselling novel, *The Lion Women of Tehran*, a story of two young women coming of age and pursuing their own goals for meaningful futures in 1950s Tehran as political turmoil in Iran builds to a breaking point.



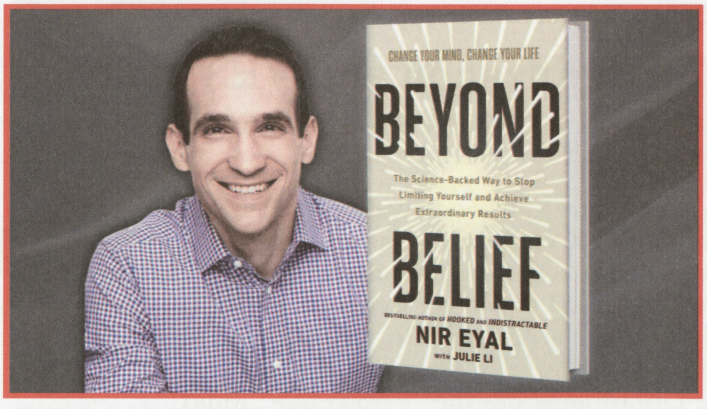

How to Robot-Proof Your Kids (and Yourself) with Dr. Vivienne Ming Award-Winning Theoretical Neuroscientist, Inventor, and "Demented" Author.

**Tuesday, May 12 at 1 p.m.**– Join us for a timely conversation on AI, humanity, and the next steps towards building a better future with self-proclaimed "mad scientist" Dr. Vivienne Ming as we discuss *Robot-Proof: When Machines Have All the Answers, Build Better People*. Robot-Proof is a book about people, exploring what it means to be human in an increasingly automated world.




Reshape Your Beliefs and Unlock Your True Potential with Nir Eyal Internationally Bestselling Author of *Hooked and Indistractable*.

**Tuesday, May 19 at 1 p.m.** – *In Beyond Belief*, Nir Eyal reveals how the hidden assumptions you carry shape what you see, how you feel, and what you do—and how to replace them with beliefs that unlock your true potential. Grounded in neuroscience, psychology, and unforgettable case studies, Eyal introduces the Three Powers of Belief: Attention, Anticipation, and Agency. Beyond Belief reveals the science behind incredible breakthroughs and shows why your limits aren't fixed—they're learned.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## Crochet and Knitting Crochet for a Cause

Join us Saturday, May 23 at 3 p.m. at the Main Library at Goodwood for a crocheting and knitting meetup focused on community projects. We'll be making waterproof sleeping mats for the homeless, baby blankets for Project Linus, and "knitted knockers" for breast cancer survivors. Some supplies and patterns will be provided, but feel free to bring your own (size 4 knitting needles—DPN or circular—and 4.5/G7 crochet hooks). Don't knit? You can still help by stuffing knitted knockers or making "plarn" from shopping bags.

## 'Fraid Knot Crochet + Fiber Arts Club

Join our Crochet and Fiber Arts Club every Wednesday in May at 6:30 p.m. at the Jones Creek Regional Branch. The first week will feature an introduction to the Pattern of the Month, followed by beginner crochet lessons and continued pattern work in week two. The remaining weeks will be dedicated to socializing and working on projects. All skill levels are welcome, and fiber artists of all kinds are invited to join.

Supplies will be provided for the first 10 beginners, though participants are welcome to bring their own. Registration for beginner lessons is strongly encouraged; call (225) 756-1150 or visit ebrpl.co/events.

## Fairwood Stitch Society

Pass some time with fellow fiber enthusiasts at the Fairwood Stitch Society on Tuesday, May 12 at 4 p.m. All skill levels and fiber arts are welcome. Feel free to bring your own projects. Yarn and needles will be available during meetings for beginning knitters to learn.

## Crochet Club

Come join other adults at the Delmont Gardens Branch on Monday, May 18 at 4:30 p.m. for Crochet Club! All skill levels are welcome! Come to learn how to construct your first chain stitch or bring your own fiber arts project to work on.

## Crafting for a Cause

Hats, hats, and more hats! Join us as we begin creating hats for the oncology unit and local homeless shelter, with donations planned for October during Cancer Awareness Month and ahead of colder weather. We are also continuing to make 12-inch squares to assemble into blankets. Connect with other adults and learn a new skill at the Pride-Chaneyville Branch Library every Thursday at 1 p.m. All skill levels are welcome. Donations of yarn, supplies, and finished items are appreciated.

## Eden Park Knitter's Club

Do you love to knit or would like to learn? Join us the first Thursday of the month at 5:30 p.m. for the Eden Park Knitter's Club!

## Let's Knit Together!

Let's Knit Together, Zachary's premier knitting group, meets on Tuesdays at 6 p.m. at the Zachary Branch. Adult knitters are invited to bring their current projects—or knitting challenges—and we'll work through them together. Beginners are welcome; please bring size 7 or 8 needles and smooth worsted weight (#4) yarn to get started learning a new skill.

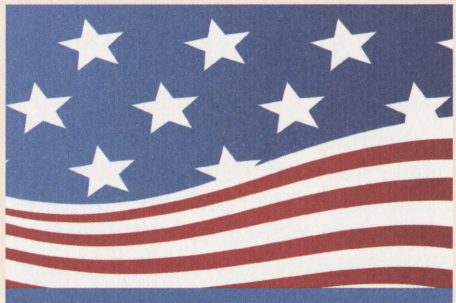
## Threadheads

Join us every Monday at 6 p.m. at the Greenwell Springs Road Regional Branch (excluding Memorial Day) for a crochet class open to both beginners and experienced crocheters.

Participants should bring a size H or larger crochet hook and a skein of yarn; limited supplies may be available. Enjoy a relaxed, friendly setting to learn, practice, and connect with fellow crocheters.

## Knitting Nook & Crochet Corner

Want to learn how to knit, work through a new pattern, or connect with fellow knitting enthusiasts? Join knitters of all skill levels—beginner to advanced—at the Bluebonnet Regional Branch on Thursdays, May 14 and May 28 at 10:30 a.m. to learn and share. Bring your questions if you need help with a stitch or pattern. Crocheters are also welcome!



**Holiday Closure**

**All locations of the Library will close Monday, May 25 in observance of Memorial Day.**

# ARTS & CRAFTS

## The Joy of Painting

Ready to relax, unwind, and get creative — no experience needed? Join us for a fun, no-pressure painting session made just for adults on Wednesday, May 27 at 10 a.m. at the Jones Creek Regional Branch. Whether you're a total beginner or just need a creative escape, this is your space to let loose with a brush in hand. All painting supplies are provided. Registration is required, limited space and supplies. Register online at ebrpl.co/events.

## Sew Easy

Join us at the Pride-Chaneyville Branch on Saturday, May 16 at 2 p.m. to make a sewing essential—a pin cushion!

## Color Your Cares Away

Unwind and enjoy some coloring time at one of the following locations:

**Jones Creek Regional Branch**
Tuesday, May 12 at 2 p.m.

**River Center Branch**
Wednesday, May 6 at 3 p.m.

## Jewelry Making

Adults can learn how to use class to mold cute dangle earrings on Wednesday, May 6 at 2 p.m. at the Jones Creek Regional Branch.

## Arts & Crafts for Adults

Feeling stressed or just need a break? Join us at the Greenwell Springs Road Regional Branch on Saturdays, May 9 and May 23 at 2:15 p.m. for a relaxed Arts & Crafts for Adults session. This free-form, self-guided program offers space to unwind and create using a variety of supplies, including adult coloring materials, watercolor paints, watercolor pencils and markers, jewelry and keychain making, and simple fiber crafts like macramé and decorative knotting. No experience is required, and all supplies are provided.

## Altered Books

Have you ever wanted to turn an old book into a unique piece of artwork? If so, join us in creating your very own altered book at the Main Library at Goodwood on Sunday, May 10 at 6 p.m. Altered books are a therapeutic way of expressing your emotions and creativity with mixed- media tools. All materials will be provided, just bring your imagination!

## Patriotic Polymer Clay

Come have fun making patriotic polymer clay charms at the River Center Branch on Saturday, May 23 at 11 a.m. We'll have four different clay charms – peppermints, stars, presents, and candy corn. All in shades of red, white and blue!

## Book Page Flowers

Head to the Central Branch at 3 p.m. on Wednesday, May 13 to learn how to turn old book pages into beautiful flowers!

# MOVIES

- The Slasher Series continues at the Carver Branch! We will be screening *Friday the 13th Part VI: Jason Lives* (1986, R) on Monday, May 4 at 4 p.m.
- Join us for Classic Movies at the Greenwell Springs Road Regional Branch on Saturday, May 9 at 2 p.m. We will be watching Hitchcock's *Vertigo* (1958, PG).

## Anime for Adults

You don't have to stop watching anime when you grow up! Join us for an afternoon of anime and ramen with friends, old and new, on Saturday, May 30 at 1 p.m. at the Fairwood Branch.

## 225 BTS Army Club

Calling ARMYs of all ages! Join us at the Eden Park Branch Library on Saturday, May 16 at 2:30 p.m. as we discuss Chapter 3 of *BTS: Beyond the Story* and help plan our next gathering—Borahae Bash on June 13!

## May the Fourth Movie Matinee

All ages can head to the Carver Branch on Monday, May 18 at 2:45 p.m. to watch the movie that started it all! Star Wars Episode IV: *A New Hope* (PG). Light refreshments will be provided. May the force be with you!

# ADULT GRAB AND GEAUXS

**Wednesday, May 20 – Jones Creek Regional Branch**
Spoon Poppy

## Lagniappe Historic Dance & Pastime Society

Step back in time and join the Lagniappe Historic Dance & Pastime Society on Thursday evenings from 6–7:30 p.m. at the Pride-Chaneyville Branch. Learn 18th- and 19th-century dances inspired by the styles of the Regency and Victorian eras, with instruction and demonstrations throughout each session. Participants are also invited to take part in special period events throughout the year, including picnics, balls, teas, and more. Comfortable shoes are recommended.

## Stretching-Improving Senior Mobility

Join us at the Zachary Branch at 10 a.m. on Monday, May 11 and Friday, May 29 for an hour long session to improve your body's movement and mobility through stretches.

## Footnotes: Take a Hike in Your Library!

Bring a friend and walk while you talk about your latest read at the Pride-Chaneyville Branch Library. Enjoy a comfortable indoor walking space while getting your steps in—no matter the weather outside. We've measured walking routes throughout the library, including an inside loop (145 steps/1⁄16 mile), a wall route (280 steps/1⁄8 mile), and a serpentine route (565 steps/1⁄4 mile), plus exercise stations located throughout the building.

## Fitness In the Stacks

Get in shape at the Bluebonnet Regional Branch! Join us for a video-guided beginner aerobics class held every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 10 to 11 a.m., excluding Memorial Day. All fitness levels are welcome.

## Walking Club

Get your steps in weekly at the Eden Park Branch on Tuesday evenings at 5:30 p.m.

## Jump in the Line: American Line Dance and Traditional Chinese Dance

Have you ever wanted to learn line dancing but didn't know where to start? Join us at the Main Library at Goodwood on Sundays, May 10 and May 31 at 5 p.m. for *Jump In The Line!* This energetic class will introduce line dancing basics as we learn "Choosin' Texas" and "Shivers," offering a fun way to get moving, stay active, and connect with fellow dancers. Please note: Chinese dancing with Esther Yao will resume on June 28.

## Jones Creek Exercise Group

Join us every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday at 9:30 a.m. at the Jones Creek Regional Branch for a low-impact, 30-minute, video-guided workout session. Please note there will be no session on Monday, May 25 in observance of Memorial Day. No registration is required. Floor space is limited and available on a first-come, first-served basis.

## Walk and Stretch

Get moving and enjoy the beautiful Library grounds! Weather permitting, patrons are invited to walk and stretch at the Main Library at Goodwood on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 8:15 a.m. Meet by the tables near the fountain and join us for a walk through the botanical gardens. Participants should be able to walk unaided and at a moderate pace. Registration is recommended. To register or for more information, email Alison at anikitopoulos@ebrpl.com.

## Book Premiere

Dr.Alice Hoyt, a New Orleans-based food allergist will premiere her new book *Navigating Food Allergies: A Parent's Guide to Care, Coverage and Confidence* at the Main Library at Goodwood on Sunday, May 17 at 3 p.m.. She will also bring her book for children, *Wally the Seafood-Allergic Walrus*. Dr Hoyt will speak about the topic, answer questions, and sign copies of her books.

## Group Tai Chi Classes

Join us for free, hour-long Tai Chi sessions and connect with others through group practice. In partnership with the Tai Chi Club, we will explore the balance of mind and body and discover the harmony of nature through Tai Chi. By the end of the series, you will have learned a full routine to practice on your own and share with others. This month's sessions will be held at the Main Library at Goodwood on Sundays, May 3 and 17 at 6 p.m. Wear comfortable clothing and flat shoes.

## Moments of Movement

Join us at the Main Library at Goodwood on Tuesdays, May 12, 19, and 26 at 11 a.m. as we focus on "Senior Mobility" with videos from the Library's Hiveclass database and Gale Presents: Get Set Up database. Using gentle chair exercises and stretching, this class is perfect for seniors or anyone looking for a time of low-impact exercise and meditation.

## Special Moments of Movement: Of Moving Colors Presents "Dance for Parkinson's"

Of Moving Colors Dance Company Artistic Director Garland Goodwin Wilson will lead a special "Moments of Movement" class, Dance for Parkinson's, on Tuesday, May 5 at 11 a.m. at the Main Library at Goodwood. This gentle movement class offers supportive exercises designed to help strengthen both body and mind. Registration is required at ebrpl.co/events.

These classes are offered every other month on the first Tuesday of the month and are also available free at Of Moving Colors Dance Company every Friday from 9:30–10:45 a.m. For more information, visit https://www.ofmovingcolors.org/danceforparkinsons.

## GUGL! The Grown-Up Gaming League

Calling all adult gamers in the Greater Baton Rouge area! Join us at the South Branch for GUGL, our monthly gaming program designed for players ages 18 and up of all skill levels. Whether you're a seasoned strategist or just getting started, there's something for everyone! Each session features a variety of games, with nearly 350 titles to choose from. Bring your own game or jump in with one from our collection—it's all part of the fun! For more information, call (225) 964- 5415.

Upcoming dates:

- **Saturday, May 2 at 12 p.m.**
  Tabletop RPG Saturdays: D&D 5e, Pathfinder 2e
  New players, please RSVP via Discord first for table availability.
- **Wednesday, May 6 at 5 p.m.**
  "Learn a Game" Night
  Learn new board games
- **Wednesday, May 13 at 5 p.m.**
  Board Game Night
- **Saturday, May 16 at 12 p.m.**
  Tabletop RPG Saturdays: D&D 5e, Pathfinder 2e
  New players, please RSVP via Discord first for table availability.
- **Wednesday, May 20 at 5 p.m.**
  Big Board Game Night
- **Saturday, May 23 at 12 p.m.**
  Pathfinder Society: Organized Play
  Sign-ups will be via a Warhorn event site (see our Discord).
  Walk-ins are welcome, but seating is limited.
- **Wednesday, May 27 at 5 p.m.**
  Board Game Night
- **Saturday, May 30 at 12 p.m.**
  Tabletop RPG Saturdays: D&D 5e, Pathfinder 2e
  New players, please RSVP via Discord first for table availability.

## Puzzle Exchange Displays

We have puzzle exchange displays available for all patrons to enjoy! No library card is required, and puzzles are always free to use or swap. Simply choose a puzzle to take home or bring in a gently used puzzle to exchange. Sign it out in the provided booklet, enjoy it at home, and return it when you're ready to swap for something new.

Current puzzle exchange locations include:

- Main Library at Goodwood
- Central Branch
- Greenwell Springs Regional Branch
- Jones Creek Regional Branch
- Pride-Chaneyville Branch
- South Branch

## Puzzle Swap Meetup

Do you have completed puzzles at home that you would like to exchange for a new-to-you puzzle? Join us at the Main Library at Goodwood on Wednesday, May 20 at 2 p.m. for a puzzle swap. Bring your complete, gently used puzzles to exchange for another or browse our collection!

## BINGO

**Adults are invited to a fun-filled time of playing bingo and with a chance to win prizes at these Library locations:**

Carver Branch – Monday, May 18 at 11 a.m.

Delmont Gardens Branch – Wednesday, May 20 at 4 p.m.

Eden Park Branch – Tuesday, May 19 at 5:30 p.m.

## Baker Bingo Night

All ages are invited to join us at the Baker Branch on Thursday, May 21 at 6 p.m. for bingo night! Bring your friends and family—or come on your own—everyone is welcome. Light refreshments and prizes will be available.

## Scavenger Hunt

Celebrate Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month at the Eden Park Branch! Stop by anytime during the month of May to explore the adult section, find featured country flags, and receive a prize.

## Mother's Day Bridgerton Tea

Dearest Readers, join us on Saturday, May 2 at 3 p.m. at the Pride-Chaneyville Branch for a Bridgerton-inspired afternoon. Guests will step into the world of beloved characters while investigating Lady Whistledown's identity or playing a strategy game of balls, dancing, and competing for suitors in pursuit of an auspicious marriage proposal. Enjoy afternoon tea with tea cakes and create flower crowns as we celebrate Mothers with tea, games, and activities.

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## Spanish Reading Club/Club de Lectura en Español

Join us at the Bluebonnet Regional Branch on Wednesday, May 20 at 6:30 p.m. to read and discuss The End of Sadness by Alberto Barrera Tyszka. *This club is for readers and speakers who are proficient in Spanish.* For more information about the Spanish Reading Club, call (225) 763-2250.

Te invitamos a unirte a nosotros para leer y discutir *El fin de la tristeza*, de Alberto Barrera Tyszka, en español. ¡No te lo puedes perder! Los libros que este club discute están escritos íntegramente en español, al igual que las conversaciones. Miércoles 20 de mayo a las 18:30 en la Bluebonnet Regional Branch.

## Shh! We're Writing

Calling all writers! Join the "Shh, We're Writing" Club at the Zachary Branch on Thursday, May 14 at 11 a.m. This is a welcoming space for writers to connect with other writers. Each meeting begins with a quiet writing period and a prompt to get you started, though you're also welcome to bring your own work or free write. We'll wrap up with time for sharing, discussion, and feedback. Coffee and snacks will be provided.

## Journal Club

Do you like journaling? Adult patrons are invited to join the Journal Club at the Greenwell Springs Road Regional Branch on Sunday, May 17 at 2:30 p.m. Bring your current journal and a few supplies to work on your journal in a collaborative setting. Show off your favorite spreads and get inspiration for new ones!

## Bluebonnet Writers' Lilypad

Aspiring authors are invited to join us at Bluebonnet Regional Branch on Thursday, May 7 at 6:30 p.m. for feedback and community. A new writers' session, Bluebonnet Writers' Lilypad, will meet on the first Thursday of each month, moderated by Des Stevens. To receive feedback on your own writing, participants must attend two meetings and provide critiques on two stories. A new story is emailed each month for group review. To get started, email Des at dstevens@ebrpl.com.

## Bluebonnet Red Fox Fiction Writer's Workshop

If you're an aspiring author looking for feedback on your writing, join the Bluebonnet Red Foxes Fiction Writer's Group. Each month, we email a new short story or excerpt written by a group member, and participants meet to share feedback on the selected piece. After providing feedback on at least two other members' stories, you become eligible to submit your own work for critique. The group meets in person at the Bluebonnet Regional Library on the third Monday of each month at 6:30 p.m. To learn more, email Desmond Stevens at dstevens@ebrpl.com.

## The Write Path

Join the South Branch Library's writing club, The Write Path, to connect with fellow writers as we discuss projects, share ideas and resources, and offer support and motivation. This month, we will meet on Sunday, May 10 from 3–4:30 p.m. and Wednesday, May 20 from 4:30–6 p.m. Bring excerpts of your writing, along with notes, questions, and ideas to share.





## Genealogy Brown Bag

Bring your own lunch and join a community of genealogy researchers for discussions on genealogy, research, and history on Friday, May 8 at noon. Everybody is welcome, from raw beginners to seasoned professionals. No registration required.

## Genealogy: Fold3 Military Research

Learn how to use Fold3 on Wednesday, May 13 at 3 p.m. at the Main Library at Goodwood. This genealogy database specializes in military records. In this free class, you will find out how to trace your ancestors and confirm their military service using sources such as service records, draft cards, pension files, casualty lists, and more.

## Introduction to Genealogy

Start the journey of exploring your family's history with our free Introduction to Genealogy class on Tuesday, May 19 at 10 a.m. at the Main Library at Goodwood. This class explains how to conduct genealogical research, introduces the types of records used to track a family's history, explores online databases available through the library and explains how to read historical records to help you fill in the gaps in your family tree.

## Genealogy Research Using AI

Learn how AI (Artificial Intelligence) can assist you in researching, organizing, and interpreting family history information in this free class on Saturday, May 16 at 11 a.m. at the Main Library at Goodwood. AI does not replace traditional genealogy research skills, but it can significantly speed up tasks and help researchers analyze large amounts of data. Registration is required. Visit ebrpl.co/events to register.

## Earn Your Makerspace Badge!

Get creative with Makerspaces! Adults and teens are invited to attend a badging class to learn the basics of safely operating our Makerspace equipment, including professional microphones and soundboards, 3D printers, sewing machines, button makers, Cricuts, and more! Once you have completed a badging class, you may reserve the equipment for personal use! Registration is required. To register, call the library branch directly, visit ebrpl.co/events, or scan the QR code provided. See opportunities below:

**Bluebonnet Regional Branch**

- Wednesday, May 13 at 4 p.m.
  Cricut & Heat Badging Class
- Thursday, May 14 at 5 p.m.
  Beginner Audio Badging Class
- Wednesday, May 27 at 4 p.m.
  Sublimation Badging Class

**Jones Creek Regional Branch**

- Tuesday, May 19 at 3 p.m.
  Sublimation Printer, Mug Press, and Heat Press Badging Class

**Main Library at Goodwood**

- Tuesday, May 5 at 6:30 p.m.
  Beginner Laser Cutter Badging Class
- Monday, May 11 at 6:30 p.m.
  Sublimation Badging Class
- Wednesday, May 13 at 6:30 p.m.
  3D Printer Badging Class
- Monday, May 18 at 6:30 p.m.
  Cricut & Heat Press Badging Class
- Tuesday, May 19 at 6:30 p.m.
  Create Your Own Laser Cutter Designs with Adobe Illustrator
- Wednesday, May 27 at 6:30 p.m.
  Beginner Laser Badging Class

**River Center Branch**

- Tuesday, May 12 at 4 p.m.
  Cricut Badging Class
- Tuesday, May 19 at 4 p.m.
  Beginner Laser Badging Class
- Wednesday, May 27 at 3:30 p.m.
  Beginner Laser Badging Class
- Wednesday, May 27 at 3:30 p.m.
  Sewing Badging Class

# MAKERSPACES

## 3D Printer Online Badging

The Library now offers a new way for patrons to get badged on 3D printers at our five Makerspace locations! In lieu of taking one of our in-person badging classes, patrons may watch the "3D Printer Badging" and "FAQ for 3D Printing" videos at ebrpl.co/3dtraining and take the online quiz. After successfully passing the quiz, patrons may submit a request to take their in-person practical exam to complete the badging process. Makerspace locations will still host in-person 3D printer badging classes, but the online option should help alleviate the high demand for 3D printer training.

## DIY Mugs on the Cricut

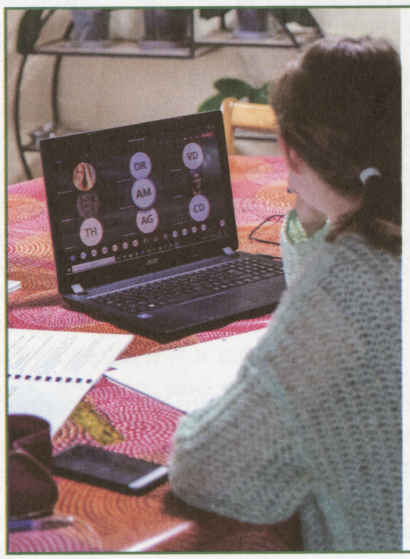
Join us at the Carver Branch Library on Monday, May 11 at 5 p.m. to create your own custom mug using the Cricut! This hands-on program is a great way to design something personal and unique. Registration is required, and space is limited to 5 participants. Register at ebrpl.co/events

## Makerspace at Main Open Hours

The Main Library's Makerspace (Tech Lab on the 2nd floor) will offer Open Hours on select Sundays from 4:30 to 8:30 p.m., giving patrons time to get assistance and work on projects. Haven't attended a badging class yet? No problem! Need help getting started with equipment? We're here to help. Patrons who need badging or additional support are welcome to drop in for one-on-one assistance on a first-come, first-served basis.

Open Hours dates:

- Sunday, May 3 – 4:30–8:30 p.m.
- Sunday, May 10 – 4:30–8:30 p.m.
- Sunday, May 17 – 4:30–8:30 p.m.

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## Productivity Hour

The Career Center's Productivity Hour is for workers of all stripes – even students and hobbyists and non-busy-bodies.

Bring your laptop, literature or project and join us for an hour-long session of productivity. Participants are expected to work quietly, but at the end of the session will be asked to share their progress.

Free Wi-fi access will be available, along with pen and paper, and light refreshments. Laptops are available upon request. Ages 16 and up are welcome to attend.

Productivity Hour will take place each Monday in May at 6 p.m. in Room A or F. (Excluding Memorial Day, May 25)

For more information, please contact (225) 231-3733.

## Resume Writing Seminar

Lynnette Lee, of the EBRPL Career Center, will lead a workshop on writing a great resume. Learn to structure your resume so that it showcases your most valuable skills.

Learn formatting techniques that will make your resume look clean and professional. Learn the biggest red flags employers look for on resumes, and how to avoid them. Join us at the Main Library at Goodwood on Saturday, May 9, at 2 p.m.

Registration is required. Please call (225) 231-3733 or visit https://ebrpl.co/ccevents

## ExxonMobil Operations & Mechanical Career Info Session

Are you interested in a career in Operations or Mechanical at ExxonMobil in Baton Rouge, working for one of the largest employers in town in a job with great pay and good benefits? Come and attend this info session on Tuesday, May 12 at 6 p.m. at the Main Library at Goodwood. Recruiters and front-line supervisors from ExxonMobil will discuss career paths, desired qualifications, testing and hiring process, as well as how to best prepare for the test. This is an informational session, it is not a job fair!

## YouTube Roundup

Get FREE, Certified Professional Career & Job Search Help through YouTube!

If you need help with your job search or career but can't make it to the Career Center in person, we can come to you through the power of online video. Our videos provide guidance on how to write resumes and cover letters, answer interview questions, complete online job applications, negotiate your salary, find work-from-home jobs, and much more. We even have dedicated playlists for teens, Spanish-speaking citizens, and the formerly incarcerated. Whatever kind of help you need with your job search or career progression, we've got a video for that.

Check out the following videos (and more!) at www.youtube.com/@ebrplcareercenter:

### Shine with the STAR Formula (and Dazzle Your Interviewers!)

Interviewing is storytelling – and the STAR formula can make you a better storyteller. In this video, we explain what the STAR formula is, when to use it in an interview, and how to follow each step of the process. We conclude with an example of a behavioral interview question and a STAR formula response.

### How to Apply at Target: Updated for 2026

Need help applying to Target online? Watch this step-by-step walkthrough of how to do Target's online application process, now updated to reflect recent changes.

*From the Vaults:* This month's Golden Oldie Spotlight

### Making a Good First Impression

You've got only one chance to make a good first impression on hiring managers and business contacts. In this video, we share tips for presenting a professional and polished image, whether you're at an interview, job fair, or other business meeting.

CHECK OUT Louisiana STATE PARKS LIBRARY PROGRAM

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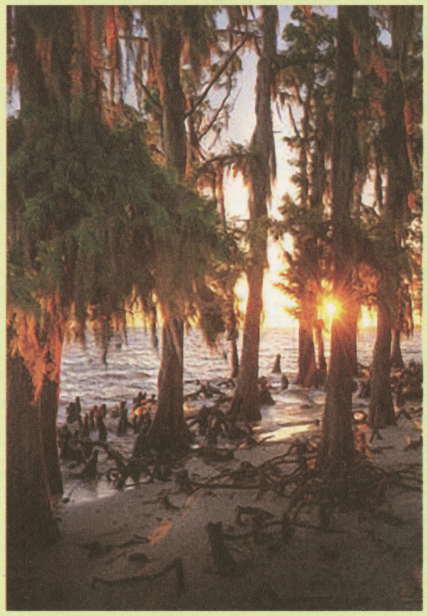
## Check Out Louisiana State Parks

East Baton Rouge Parish Library cardholders can now enjoy free access to Louisiana State Parks through the expanded Check Out Louisiana program. Patrons can check out a free day pass from any EBRPL location to visit all 21 state parks and 14 historic sites across the state.

Passes are available on a first-come, first-served basis while supplies last. Visitors can also check out a Geaux Explore backpack, which includes tools like binoculars, a compass, and field guides to help enhance their outdoor experience.

Check Out Louisiana State Parks is a joint initiative of the State Library and Louisiana State Parks to promote and increase access to Louisiana's world-class collection of state parks and historic sites. Learn more at CheckOutLouisiana.org.



## Check Out Louisiana Museums

CHECK OUT Louisiana MUSEUMS LIBRARY PROGRAM

Good news, EBRPL cardholders! We've joined the State Library of Louisiana's "Check Out Louisiana Museums" program which gives you access to Louisiana museums and cultural attractions across the state! Simply visit CheckOutLouisiana.org and enter your library card number to reserve an electronic pass for available dates at participating museums, including:

- 1850 House
- The Cabildo
- Capitol Park Museum
- E.D. White Historic Site
- Louisiana Civil Rights Museum
- Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame & Northwest Louisiana History Museum
- The National WWII Museum
- New Orleans Jazz Museum at the Old U.S. Mint
- The Presbytére
- Wedell-Williams Aviation & Cypress Sawmill Museum
- Alexandria Museum of Art
- The Historic New Orleans Collection (Tour)
- Pontchartrain Conservancy: New Canal Lighthouse
- West Baton Rouge Museum
- Whitney Plantation Museum

More sites are being added regularly! Passes are limited, so plan your visit early.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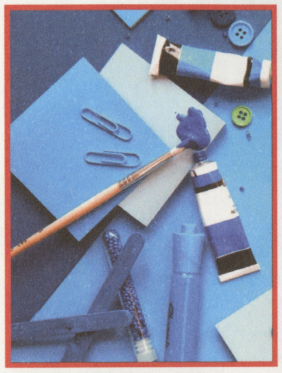
## 20-SOMETHINGS

### Kumihimo Bracelets

Kumihimo is the traditional Japanese technique of braiding strands of silk to create intricately colored cords. Try it for yourself using embroidery floss on a braiding loom on Monday, May 11 at 6:30 p.m. at the Main Library at Goodwood.



### Book Page Pendants

Want a necklace with your favorite book quote? Come to Bluebonnet Regional Branch on Tuesday, May at 6:30 p.m. to make your own pendant necklace with book pages. All supplies will be provided.

### Craft and Chill

Bring your own craft projects and work on them while listening to some chill Lo-fi and enjoying the company of other crafters on Tuesday, May 19 at 7:30 p.m. at the South Branch.

### 20 Somethings Crochet Meetup

Bring your own supplies or borrow some of ours and get started on a new project while connecting with fellow crafters on Tuesday, May 26 at 6:30 p.m. at the Main Library at Goodwood. Share tips, swap patterns, and enjoy relaxed, friendly conversation in a welcoming space designed for adults in their 20s (18–30ish).

### Junk Journaling

Come create your own journal and explore different junk journaling techniques on Thursday, May 28 at 6 p.m. at the Delmont Gardens Branch.

### The Secret of Senenmuts Harmony

Step into an immersive role-playing adventure for 20-somethings at the Pride-Chaneyville Branch on Saturday, May 30 at 3 p.m. In *The Secret of Senenmut's Harmony*, you are apprentices in the House of Life in ancient Thebes, called to solve a series of mysterious puzzles left behind by legendary architect Senenmut. A hidden chamber known as the "Sanctuary of Harmony" has briefly reappeared, and you have just two hours to work together, solve the trials, and restore the Heart of Ma'at before its ancient knowledge is lost forever.

## 20-SOMETHINGS GRAB AND GEAUX

**May 9 - Main Library at Goodwood**
Beaded Star Charm

**May 13 - Eden Park Branch**
Coffee Sugar Scrub

**May 16 - South Branch**
Baby Yoda Keychain

**May 23 - Main Library at Goodwood**
Boondoggle Basics

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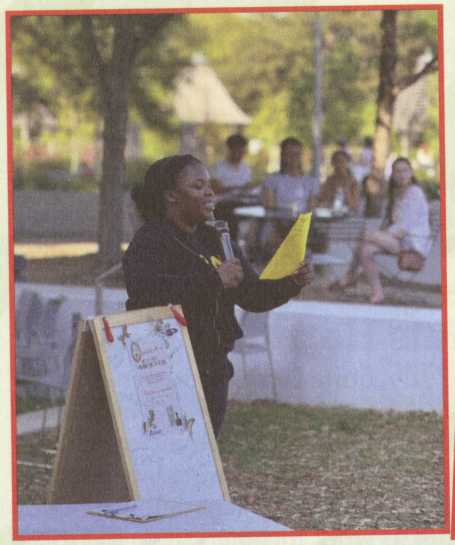
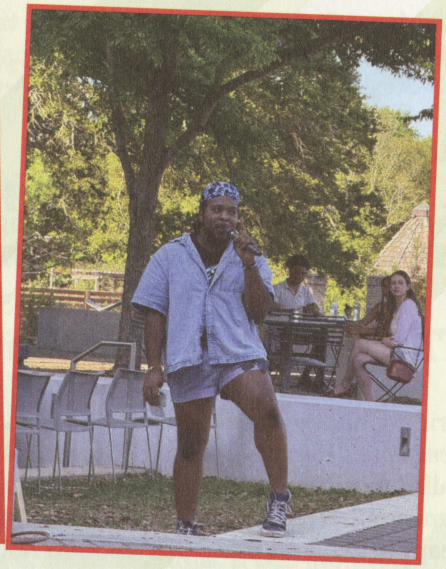
### Zootopia 2

Friday June 5th at 6:30 p.m. we'll host ***Zootopia*** 2 as the inaugural pick of our Summer 2026 Movies on the Plaza series. Bring the whole family for a large screen experience as Brave rabbit cop Judy Hopps and her friend, the fox Nick Wilde, team up again to crack a new case, the most perilous and intricate of their careers. You are welcome to bring snacks, blankets, and comfy chairs. Set-up and activities will begin around 5 p.m. Screening starts at 6:30 p.m. Popcorn and foodtrucks frequently make an appearance! Stay until the end for our not-so-secret, but definitely trademarked after movie dance party!

# What an incredible evening at We Are Here: A Gathering of Poets!

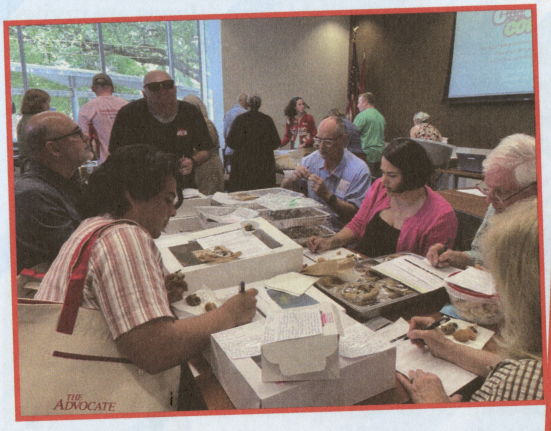
From powerful poetry and spontaneous performances to live music and a vibrant, creative atmosphere, this year's One Book One Community celebration truly lived up to its name.

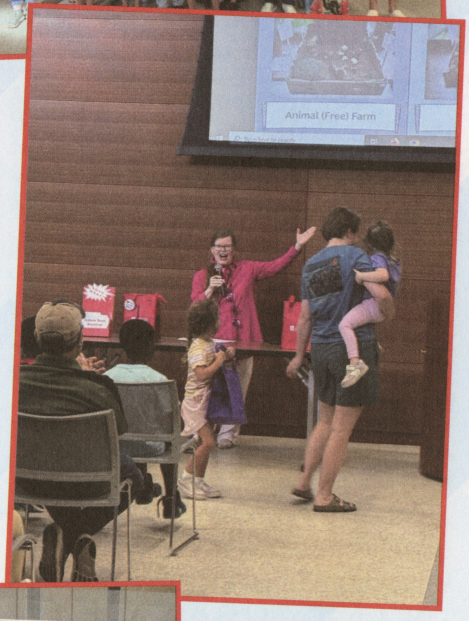


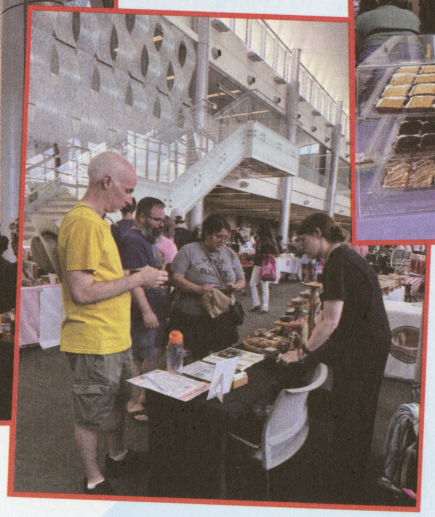


# Our first Baker Faire was a sweet success!

More than 2,500 attendees came out to support incredible cottage bakers and talented young bakers, creating a truly special atmosphere. We also had 72 entries in The Advocate Cookie Contest and 17 creative submissions in the Edible Book Festival.







## Teen Summer Film Camp

Local filmmaker and puppeteer Clay Achee is partnering with the Library to offer FREE summer filmmaking camps for teens ages 13 and up! Students will learn the basics of video production— including writing, design, filming, production, and special effects—through the hands-on process of creating their own short film with guidance from an experienced filmmaker.

Final projects from each camp will premiere on Thursday, July 30 at 6 p.m. at the Main Library in the large auditorium. Registration opens May 1 and is limited to 15 participants per camp.

Teens may register for only one week-long session. To register, call (225) 231-3770 or contact the teen desk at the branch where you'd like to attend.

Camp Schedule:

- June 1–5: Main Library at Goodwood(10 a.m.–1 p.m.) Central Branch (2–5 p.m.)
- June 8–12: River Center Branch (10 a.m.–1 p.m.), South Branch (2–5 p.m.)
- June 15–18: Zachary Branch (10 a.m.–1:30 p.m.), Baker Branch (2:30–6 p.m.)
- June 22–26: Jones Creek Regional Branch (10 a.m.–1 p.m.), Bluebonnet Regional Branch (2–5 p.m.)

## Saturday Science

Teens and their families are invited to Saturday Science at the Main Library at Goodwood on Saturday, May 2 at 1 p.m. for a presentation by Dr. Natalie Hinkel on Stardust: From Stars to Planets to Life. Join us on the first Saturday of each month for LSU's free public talk series designed to connect teens to science and technology through engaging presentations on a variety of current topics.

# MOVIE MANIA

## Twilight Zone Watch Party

"You're traveling through another dimension—a dimension not only of sight and sound, but of mind. A journey into a wondrous land whose boundaries are that of imagination. Your next stop… *The Twilight Zone*." Teens are invited to step into the unknown at the Main Library at Goodwood on Saturday, May 9 at 2:30 p.m. for a screening of episodes from the original *Twilight Zone*. Snacks will be provided—just bring your curiosity.

## Teen Wicked Movie Matinee

Follow the yellow brick road straight to the Baker Branch on Wednesday, May 27 at 11 a.m. for a fun filled day of Wicked. Celebrate the end of the school year with an all-day *Wicked* movie matinee party. Enjoy snacks all day as we watch *Wicked* (2024, PG) and *Wicked for Good* (2025, PG). Dress as your favorite character and be entered to win a prize. For 6th through 12th grade students only.

## Popcorn & Flicks

Come hangout, snack, and watch *Spider-Man: into the Spider-Verse* (PG, 2018) with us at the Delmont Gardens Branch on Thursday, May 21 at 5 p.m.

## Legally Blonde

Come watch the movie *Legally Blond* (2001, PG-13) with us in the teens room at the River Branch on Wednesday, May 13 at 5 p.m.

## Anime and Ramen

Anime fanatics are invited to immerse themselves in the world of anime while enjoying ramen at the Eden Park Branch on Saturday, May 16 at 2 p.m.!

## Anime Afternoon

Teens are invited to the Main Library at Goodwood on Saturday, May 2 at 2:30 p.m. for Anime Afternoon—because life is better with anime, and anime is even better with friends (and ramen)!

## Movie & Popcorn

Join us at the Bluebonnet Regional Branch on Wednesday, May 20 at 2:45 p.m. to celebrate the last day of school with a showing of *The Greatest Showman* (2017, PG) and enjoy some popcorn!

## Teen Movie Club

Teens are invited to the Greenwell Springs Road Regional Branch on Thursday, May 7 at 4 p.m. for our monthly movie hangout! This month, we'll be watching the 2024 film *Knights of the Zodiac* (PG-13), inspired by the classic anime series. Free popcorn will be provided!

## Minecraft Movie Mischief

Join us at the Main Library at Goodwood on Saturday, May 30 at 2:30 p.m. for a chill afternoon featuring *A Minecraft Movie* (2025, PG) and LEGO building fun. Bring your best base ideas—we'll provide the popcorn!

# DIY @ the Library

**Teens, get crafty at your local Library! Express your creativity at these in-person programs! *Indicates registration required. To register, visit ebrpl.co/events or call the library location directly.**

### Cinco de Mayo Piñata
**Tuesday, May 5 at 10 a.m.**
**Eden Park Branch**
Celebrate Cinco de Mayo with this fun take home craft! Make your own watermelon piñata.

### Kusudama Paper Flowers
**Thursday, May 7 at 4 p.m.**
**Central Branch**
Learn how to make these pretty paper flowers just in time for Mother's Day!

### Mother's Day Card and Button
**Thursday, May 7 at 4:30 p.m.**
**Zachary Branch**
Mother's Day is almost here! Come to the Zachary Branch and make your mom a Mother's Day button and a card that doubles as a gift box for the button. For ages 11-17 or grades 6 to 12.

### Zines for Teens
**Friday, May 8 at 3:30 p.m.**
**Carver Branch**
We'll show you how to make a zine with a single sheet of paper, so you can create your own using provided materials.

### Chopsticks and Onigiri
**Saturday, May 9 at 2 p.m.**
**River Center Branch**
Participants will learn how to make chopsticks and onigiri (rice balls) of various Asian and Polynesian flavors.

### Watercolor galaxy art
**Saturday, May 9 at 3 p.m.**
**Fairwood Branch**
Come paint your own mesmerizing cosmic galaxy using water colors!

### Button Making
**Wednesday, May 13 at 3 p.m.**
**Bluebonnet Regional Branch**
Come join us for some creative button making! Pick a design or create your own!

### Cat Magnets
**Wednesday, May 13 at 4 p.m.**
**Greenwell Springs Road Regional Branch**
Teens are invited to make adorable cat magnets.

### Felt Frog Earrings
**Wednesday, May 13 at 4:30 p.m.**
**Delmont Gardens Branch**
Come make felt frog earrings!

### Cookie Decorating
**Tuesday, May 19 at 2:45 p.m.**
**Main Library at Goodwood**
Hey Teens, take a break from finals and show off your artistic skills by decorating cookies!

### Art Cards
**Saturday, May 23 at 2:30 p.m.**
**Main Library at Goodwood**
Join us and unleash your creative side as we make original Art Cards to swap with friends or keep!

### *Bath Bombs
**Saturday, May 23 at 2:30 p.m.**
**Jones Creek Regional Branch**
Learn how to make your own fizzy bath bombs from scratch!

### Perler Bead Watermelon Coasters
**Thursday, May 28 at 2 p.m.**
**Central Branch**
Make an adorable watermelon coaster out of perler beads!

### *LEGO Blockprinted Art Prints
**Saturday, May 30 at 2:30 p.m.**
**Jones Creek Regional Branch**
You can use flat LEGO dots to create your own diy designs, then cover them with stamping ink, apply them to paper, and pull wonderfully detailed art prints!

## Free ACT Math Tutoring

Looking to brush up on your math skills before you take the ACT? Sign up for free ACT math tutoring at the Main Library at Goodwood on Saturday, May 23 at 11 a.m. **Registration is required.** Visit ebrpl.co/actmath each month to reserve your spot.

## TEENS GRAB AND GEAUXS

**May 1 - Fairwood Branch**
Craft Stick Phone Easel

**May 5 - South Branch**
Crepe Paper Flowers

**May 6 – Bluebonnet Regional**
Branch Baby Yoda Keychain

**May 8 – Main Library at Goodwood**
Beach in a Jar

**May 11 - Delmont Gardens Branch**
Paper Clip Bow & Arrows

**May 11 - Jones Creek Regional Branch**
Tower of String

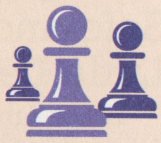
**May 14 - Zachary Branch**
Glitter Jars

## GET YOUR GAME ON

## Let's Play Chess!

Learn how to play chess or challenge someone else to a game on Monday, May 18 at 2:45 p.m. at the Carver Branch.

## Teen Board Game Club



Come hang out and play board games with us at the Greenwell Springs Road Regional Branch on Saturday, May 16 at 1 p.m.

### Teens, come hang out and play video games with us at these Library locations!

- Tuesday, May 26 at 3 p.m. South Branch Video Game Day
- Thursday, May 21 at 6 p.m. Greenwell Springs Road Regional Branch Teen Gaming Night - PS4

## Harvey Rabbit

Join Harvey Rabbit, Cecil the Orangutan, Miss Laura, and Mr. Tim as they bring fun to the library with ventriloquism, puppetry, music, magic, and comedy! It just wouldn't be summer without this gang's fun and entertainment! Groups are required to register. Please call the individual library to register.

- Wednesday, May 27
  10 a.m. - Bluebonnet Regional Branch
  2:30 p.m. - Central Branch
- Thursday, May 28
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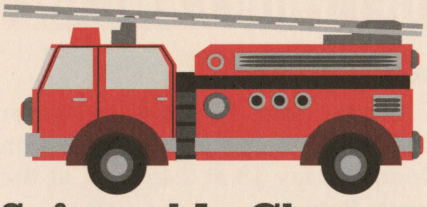


## Safe and In Charge: Little Leaders

LA Firefighters Foundation presents Safe and In Charge: Little Leaders at the Jones Creek Regional Branch on Saturday, May 30 at 3 p.m.

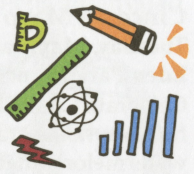
In this two-hour class, children ages 8–11 will learn important safety and life skills, including home safety, being home alone, fire safety and escape planning, online safety, how to call 911, and making safe choices. The program also emphasizes asking for help, confidence, and responsibility.

Registration is required. Sign up at https://louisianafirefighters.com/community/safeincharge/#starty

## Summer Kickoff

Join us on Thursday, May 28 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. for a fun-filled event for the whole family, featuring music, magic, community booths, and more. Enjoy special performances by Lady Chops at 10 a.m. and 12 p.m., and Tim the Magician at 11 a.m.

## Fun with Engineering



Do you have a future engineer at home? Kids ages 7–11 are invited to the Main Library at Goodwood on Saturday, May 23 at 2:30 p.m. to explore engineering in a fun, hands-on way! We'll start with a reading from *Tails from the Animal Shelter* by Stephanie Shaw, then work in teams of two to design, build, test, and improve a magnet-powered dog door that lets pets in while keeping other animals out. Registration is required. Call (225) 231-3760 to register.

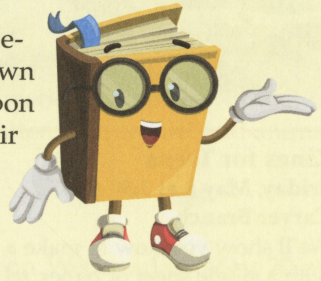
## *Children's Book Week*

Children's Book Week is the first week of May! We're celebrating with special activities at nearly all of our library locations (all except the Scotlandville Branch). Kids can enter a drawing at each branch for a chance to win a book, and enjoy fun activities all week long. Here are a few highlights happening during regular library hours, Monday, May 4 through Sunday, May 10.

### Photo-Op

Children can stop by the Delmont Gardens Branch to take a photo with one of their favorite books for a chance to win! Each participant will be entered into a drawing, with two lucky children receiving a book prize. Photos will be featured on our "Celebrate Reading" bulletin board.

### Design a Bookmark



Kids ages 3–11 are invited to the Pride-Chaneyville Branch to design and color their own bookmark, then finish it with a colorful ribbon tassel. Afterward, participants can enter their name for a chance to win a free book!

Kids of all ages are invited to stop by the Central Branch to color a bookmark and share their favorite book—your name will be entered into a drawing for a chance to win a mystery book!

### Scavenger Hunts

Kids, ages 3-11, can take part in a fun scavenger hunt at the Carver Branch featuring classic children's books. Complete the hunt and your name will be entered into a drawing to win a mystery book, to be awarded at the end of Children's Book Week!

Kids, ages 3–11, are invited to explore the Children's Room at the Fairwood Branch in search of 10 hidden pictures featuring flowers and well-known book characters. Find them all, and your name will be entered into a drawing to win a mystery book prize!

### Book Drawing

Kids ages 3–11 are invited to enter a drawing at the Bluebonnet Regional Branch for a chance to win a free book!

## Summer Safety

Join us at the Central Branch on Wednesday, May 27 at 10 a.m. as the Central Fire Department presents a summer safety and fire prevention program for all ages. Learn practical tips for staying safe during water activities, biking, family outings, and in the kitchen. We'll also highlight important everyday safety practices that are often overlooked during the busy summer months.

## Snail Party

Ages 4–11 are invited to a Snail Party on Thursday, May 28 at the River Center Branch! National Snail Day is Friday, May 29, but we're celebrating a day early. Stop by during regular hours to enjoy a reading of How to Party Like a Snail by Naseem Hrab, followed by a fun snail craft—complete with a festive party hat! Then stick around for activities, games, music, and more on the children's floor. While supplies last. Sorry, no groups.

## Dragon Boat Festival

Children ages 3–11 and their families are invited to stop by the Main Library at Goodwood any time between 4 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. to celebrate the Dragon Boat Festival with FLAIM's Mandarin Program. Enjoy stories, create a themed craft, and sample special festival treats while learning about this colorful Chinese holiday. Crafts and snacks are available while supplies last. Sorry, no groups.

## Pirate Stories and Sea Songs

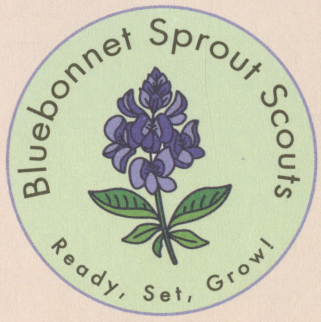
Heave ho and join us at the River Center Branch! Young buccaneers ages 2–11 are invited to enjoy a series of pirate tales, followed by a round of family-friendly sea shanties on our karaoke machine. Join the fun on Fridays, May 8, 15, and 22 at 4:30 p.m.

## STEM Game Day

Children, ages 6 to 11, are invited to the Eden Park Branch on Saturday, May 23 from 3-5 p.m. for an afternoon of puzzles and games. Registration is required. To register, please call (225) 231-3260.

## Young Bookworms Book Club

Kids ages 9–11 are invited to the Young Bookworms Book Club (YBWBC)! Members will meet at the Bluebonnet Regional Branch on Monday, May 18 at 4:30 p.m. to discuss Ben Yokoyama and the Cookie of Doom by Matthew Swanson. After talking about the book, participants will create paper fortune cookies for family and friends. They'll also browse our Book Buffet cart to choose books for the upcoming Summer Reading Challenge. Registration is required and space is limited to 10 participants. To register, please call (225) 763-2260.




## Bluebonnet Sprout Scouts

Kids ages 6–11 are invited to join the Bluebonnet Sprout Scouts for two fun gardening programs at the Bluebonnet Regional Branch this May!

On Saturday, May 2 at 10 a.m., we'll head out to the Children's Garden to weed, water, and harvest while learning how gardens grow through the seasons. We'll also enjoy a reading of *Let's Explore Carrots!* by Jill Colella and explore seed catalogs as we plan our fall and winter gardens.

Then, on Saturday, May 30 at 10 a.m., we'll return to the garden at peak season to focus on succession planting, along with weeding, pruning, harvesting, and watering. We'll enjoy a reading of the poem *The City Sings Green* by Erica Silverman and learn the three signs of a ripe watermelon.

Registration is required and space is limited. To register, call (225) 763-2260.

## Cinco de Mayo

Celebrate Cinco de Mayo at the River Center Branch! Kids ages 7–11 are invited for a festive movie celebration Tuesday, May 5 featuring The Three Caballeros and Coco, along with a silly taco craft to take home.

The Three Caballeros (G) will be shown at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. Coco (PG) will be shown at noon and 4 p.m.

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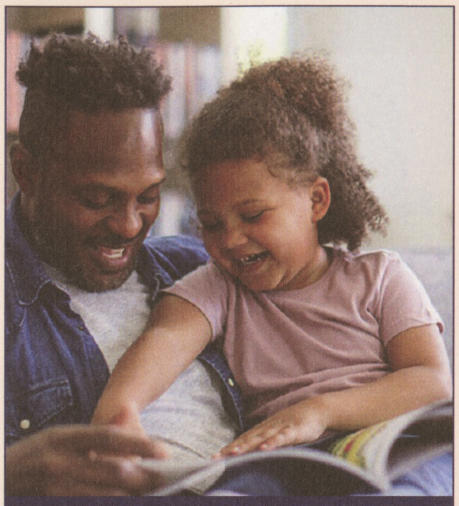

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## Books and Music with Kids' Orchestra

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Make a joyful noise! Imagine! Even the sounds of rain can bring joy and musical variety into our world. Just think of all the different sounds that rain makes, and all the kinds of storms there are. In May, Books & Music will explore the world of rain, music, poetry, and images by exploring the picture book *Tap Tap Boom Boom* by Elizabeth Bluemele. Umbrellas will also play a role in the story. As always, we will learn a song, a dance, some rhythms, and even meet a professional musician!

Saturday, May 2 at 11 a.m.
Zachary Branch

Saturday, May 9 at 11 a.m.
Main Library at Goodwood

Saturday, May 9 at 1 p.m.
South Branch

Saturday, May 16 at 11 a.m.
Bluebonnet Regional Branch

Saturday, May 23 at 11 a.m.
Jones Creek Regional Branch

**SAVE THE DATE**

## BRBT's Youth Ballet presents "Ballet Soiree"

Join us for a celebration of the beauty of dance with excerpts from classical ballets of old to neo-classical works of today. You will see Puss in Boots, Little Red Riding Hood, Sleeping Beauty, the graceful swans from Swan Lake, the lively ballroom dance from Cinderella, and the bouncy fun of the new work Beach Club. Groups are required to register. Please call the individual library to register.

Wednesday, June 3
9:30 a.m. - Main Library at Goodwood
11:30 a.m. - Jones Creek Regional Branch
1:30 p.m. - River Center Branch
3:30 p.m. - Bluebonnet Regional Branch

Thursday, June 4
9:30 a.m. - Zachary Branch
11:30 a.m. - Greenwell Springs Road Regional Branch
1:30 p.m. - Central Branch
3:30 p.m. - Carver Branch

Friday, June 5
9:30 a.m. - South Branch
11:30 a.m. - Fairwood Branch
1:30 p.m. - Eden Park Branch

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# Storytime at the Library

Storytime gives children an excellent introduction to books and the Library. It increases their attention spans and develops their social skills by involving them in stories, poetry, and songs. The Children's Services staff hopes Storytime will be an enjoyable experience for each child, leading to a lifelong love of books and reading.

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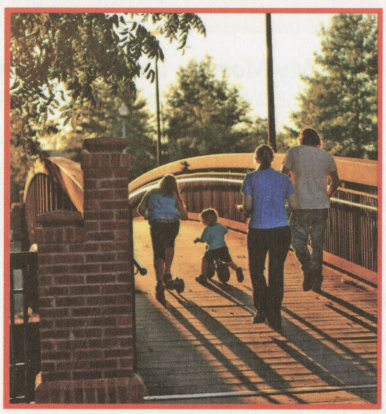
| **LAPSIT** | | |
| Greenwell Springs Road Regional Branch | 11:30 a.m. | Tuesdays, May 5, 12 |
| **TODDLER** | | |
| Greenwell Springs Road Regional Branch | 10:30 a.m. | Tuesdays, May 5, 12 |
| **FAMILY** | | |
| Central Branch | 10:30 a.m. | Tuesdays, May 5, 12, 19, 26 |
| Delmont Gardens Branch | 5 p.m. | Wednesdays, May 6, 13, 20, 27 |
| Eden Park Branch | 4 p.m. | Wednesdays, May 6, 13, 20, 27 |
| Fairwood Branch | 10:30 a.m. | Wednesdays, May 20, 27 |
| Zachary Branch | 10:30 a.m. | Wednesdays, May 6, 13 |

## Story Walks



Literacy and exercise go together! Visit one of our Story Walks today! There are numbered stations near each of the locations below. Each station has 1-2 pages of a children's book, plus a suggestion for physical activity as you travel to the next station. At the last station, there will be a story-related worksheet for the children to take home. See below for branches and this month's story titles:

- Main Library at Goodwood: Hundred Years of Happiness by Thanhha Lai
- Baker Branch: Apple and Magnolia by Laura Gehl
- Carver Branch: Falling Star by Linda Liu

**YOUR LIBRARY IS HERE FOR YOU**

## Press Start!

East Baton Rouge Parish Library's Press Start! Ready, Set, Read! program equips children ages 2-4 with early literacy skills that will enable them to enter kindergarten with confidence! Parents and caregivers can stop by the Children's Room of any Library location to pick up a booklet full of fun activities that focuses on beginner reading and math concepts. Children start with Booklet One, work their way through the program at their own pace, and earn rewards along the way.

Each monthly Press Start booklet:

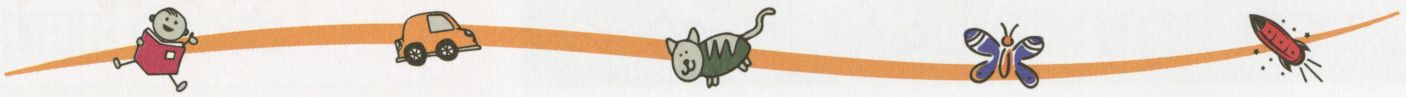
- Features a new letter, number, color or concept
- Follows state curriculum guidelines for children ages 2-4
- Includes simple activities to incorporate into your daily routine
- Offers cost-saving tips for parents
- Recommends books for reading to your child

This month's Press Start! booklet is brought to you by the letter N; the number 11; and the concept of Sunny-Hot!

## Story & Craft/Activity

Story & Craft/Activity programs provide a literacy-based social setting to get creative! Hear a book read while making or doing something interesting. Check out the schedule below for Story & Craft/Activity opportunities taking place this month. *Indicates registration required. To register, call the Library location directly.

| Date, Time, Location | Story Title & Author | Craft Activity Description & Age Group |
|---|---|---|
| *Saturday, May 2 at 10 a.m.<br>Main Library at Goodwood | *Garcia & Colette Go Exploring*<br>by Hannah Barnaby | LEGO Building, ages 4-11 |
| Saturday, May 2 at 11 a.m.<br>Baker Branch | *Kahoot! Quiz Time Space*<br>by DK Publishing | Paper Cup Rockets, ages 7-11 |
| *Saturday, May 2 at 2:30 p.m.<br>Jones Creek Regional Branch | *True or False? The Solar System*<br>by Grace Guibert | Space Crafts, ages 8-11 |
| *Monday, May 4 at 4 p.m.<br>Eden Park Branch | *I Am a Jedi* – Little Golden Book | Paper Lightsaber, ages 5-11 |
| *Tuesday, May 5 at 4 p.m.<br>Central Branch | *Lucia the Luchadora*<br>by Cynthia Leonor Garcia | Lucha Libre Masks, ages 5-11 |
| Wednesday, May 6 at 10:30 a.m.<br>Zachary Branch | *Burger Boy* by Alan Durant | Paper Burger, ages 2-5 |
| *Wednesday, May 6 at 3 p.m.<br>South Branch | *Runaway Bunny*<br>by Margaret Wise Brown | Mother's Day Banner, ages 5-11 |
| Wednesday, May 6 at 4 p.m.<br>Central Branch | *How to Train a Mom* by Jean Reagan | Mother's Day Felt Banner, ages 3-11 |
| Wednesday, May 6 at 5 p.m.<br>Greenwell Springs Road Regional Branch | *A Card for My Mom* by Bashahi Fraser | Mother's Day Card, ages 3-11 |
| Thursday, May 7 at 4:30 p.m.<br>Carver Branch | *The Flower Thief* by Alice Hemming | Flower Pouch, ages 6-11 |
| Thursday, May 7 at 5 p.m.<br>Delmont Gardens Branch | *Mother's Day* by Anne Rockwell | Floral Card, ages 4-8 |
| Saturday, May 9 at 2:30 p.m.<br>Pride-Chaneyville Branch | *MaMa, Do You Love Me?*<br>by Barbara Joosse | Mother's Day Craft, ages 6-11 |
| Saturday, May 9 at 3 p.m.<br>Eden Park Branch | *I Love Mom with The Very Hungry Caterpillar* by Eric Carle | Mother's Day Card, ages 5-9 |
| Wednesday, May 13 at 10:30 a.m.<br>Zachary Branch | *Bears and Blossoms* by Shirley Parenteau | Cherry Blossom Tree, ages 2-5 |



| Date, Time, Location | Story Title & Author | Craft Activity Description & Age Group |
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| Saturday, May 16 at 10 a.m.<br>Delmont Gardens Branch | *Jayden's Impossible Garden*<br>by Melina Mangal | Plant Seedlings, ages 5-11 |
| *Saturday, May 16 at 2:30 p.m.<br>Jones Creek Regional Branch | *True or False? Robots*<br>by William Adams | Robot Craft, ages 8-11 |
| Monday, May 18 at 4 p.m.<br>River Center Branch | *The Museum of Shapes*<br>Sven Völker | Shape Inspired Art, ages 2-11 |
| Wednesday, May 20 at 2:30 p.m.<br>Carver Branch | *The Wide-Mouthed Frog*<br>by Rex Schneider | Paper Frog, ages 6-11 |
| *Thursday, May 21 at 2:30 p.m.<br>Main Library at Goodwood | *There's a Ghost in this House*<br>by Oliver Jeffers | Bookish Ghost, ages 3-11 |
| Thursday, May 21 at 3:30 p.m.<br>Delmont Gardens Branch | *One World, Many Colors*<br>by Ben Lerwill and Alette Straathof | Suitcase Portfolios, ages 6-11 |
| *Saturday, May 23 at 10:30 a.m.<br>Bluebonnet Regional Branch | *Tiny Wonders* by Sally Han | Pipe Cleaner Flowers Craft, ages 4-8 |
| *Saturday, May 23 at 11 a.m.<br>South Branch | *Linh's Rooftop Garden*<br>by JaNay Brown-Wood | Small Flowerpot, ages 5-11 |
| Tuesday, May 26 at 4:30 p.m.<br>Greenwell Springs Road Regional Branch | *The Poppy Lady*<br>by Barbara Elizabeth Walsh | Tissue Paper Poppy, ages 6-11 |
| *Wednesday, May 27 at 11 a.m.<br>South Branch | *The Hungry Caterpillar* by Eric Carle | Paint Caterpillar, ages 2-5 |
| *Wednesday, May 27 at 1:30 p.m.<br>Greenwell Springs Road Regional Branch | *The Watermelon Seed* by Greg Pizzoli | Paper Plate Watermelon, ages 4-5 |
| *Wednesday, May 27 at 4 p.m.<br>Fairwood Branch | *Sheep in a Jeep* by Nancy Shaw | Paint Splat Sheep, ages 6-11 |
| *Friday, May 29 at 10:30 a.m.<br>Bluebonnet Regional Branch | *Acorn Was a Little Wild* by Jen Arena | Tree Craft, ages 3-6 |

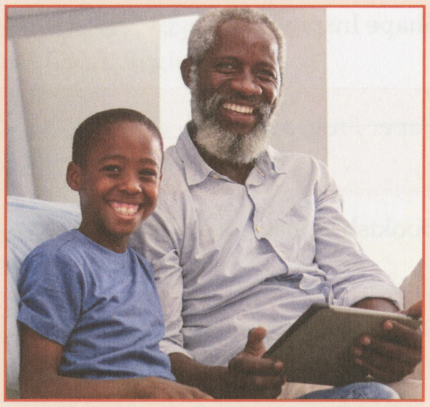
# BOOK CLUBS @ YOUR LIBRARY

## Baker Branch

• Morning Book Club
**10:30 a.m. Monday, May 11**
*The Prayer Box*
by Lisa Wingate

## Bluebonnet Regional Branch

• Reading the Classics Book Club
**12:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 5**
*One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest*
by Ken Kesey



## Carver Branch

• Reading Gumbo Book Club
**3 p.m. Sunday, May 17**
Discuss your current reads!

## Central Branch

• Central Book Club
**11 a.m. Thursday, May 28**
*A World of Curiosities*
by Louise Penny

## Eden Park

• Group Benefits Book Club
**5:30 p.m. Thursday, May 21**
*I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings*
by Maya Angelou

## Fairwood Branch

• Books and Brew
**2:30 p.m. Monday, May 18**
*A Confederacy of Dunces*
by John Kennedy Toole

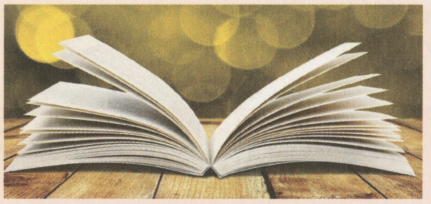
• Short Fiction Club
**6 p.m. Wednesday, May 27**
*The Garden Party and The Daughters of the Late Colonel*
by Katherine Mansfield

## Greenwell Springs Road Regional Branch

• Next Chapter Book Club
**6 p.m. Thursday, May 21**
All book lovers welcome! Discuss your current reads!

## Jones Creek Regional

• History Book Club
**2 p.m. Thursday, May 21**
*Mark Twain*
by Ron Chernow



## Main Library at Goodwood

• Mystery Lovers Book Club
**Noon, Tuesday, May 12**
Theme: Military Setting

• Fantasy Lovers' Book Club
**6:30 p.m. Tuesday May 19**
*The Tainted Cup*
by Robert Jackson Bennett

• Science Fiction Book Club
**6:30 p.m. Thursday May 28, 2026**
*A Princess of Mars*
by Edgar Rice Burroughs

## Pride-Chaneyville Branch

• Crafting for a Cause Book Club
**1 p.m. Thursday, May 21**
*The Retirement Plan*
by Sue Hincenbergs

• Like it or Not Book Club
**10:30 a.m. Saturday, May 30**
*The Bridge*
by Karen Kingsbury

## South Branch

• Southies Book Club
**6 p.m. Thursday, May 14**
*The Violet Hour*
by Victoria Benton Frank

## Zachary Branch

• Curious Minds Book Club
**5 p.m. Tuesday, May 26**
*Man's Search for Meaning*
by Viktor E. Frankl

• Lively Discussion Book Club
**10 a.m. Thursday, May 21**
*The Book of Lost Names*
by Kristen Hamel

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# FREE COMPUTER CLASSES AT THE LIBRARY

Adults are invited to the Library this month for FREE computer classes. *Indicates registration required. For more information and to register, call the Library location directly. Check out the schedule:

## Baker Branch

***Introduction to Excel**
10 a.m. Monday, May 18

***Introduction to MS Word**
10 a.m. Tuesday, May 19

## Carver Branch

**Introduction to Libby**
10 a.m. Tuesday, May 5

**Open Lab**
10 a.m. Tuesday, May 12

## Delmont Gardens Branch

**Introduction to Computers**
10 a.m. Tuesday, May 12

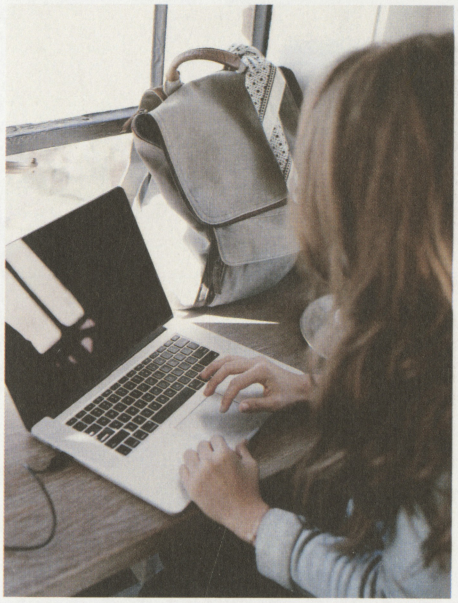
***Bring Your Own Device**
10 a.m. Tuesday, May 19

## Eden Park Branch

**Introduction to Gmail**
10:30 a.m. Saturday, May 9

**Gale Courses**
4 p.m. Monday, May 11

**Bring Your Own Device**
10:30 a.m. Saturday, May 23



## Fairwood Branch

**Book-A-Librarian**
**By appointment only*

## Main Library

**Introduction to Canva**
11 a.m. Saturday, May 2

**Computers without Fear**
10 a.m. Tuesday, May 5

**Introduction to the Internet**
10 a.m. Wednesday, May 6

**Introduction to Microsoft Excel 2016**
10 a.m. Thursday, May 7

**Introduction to Microsoft Word 2016**
10 a.m. Wednesday, May 13

**Tables: an Intermediate Microsoft Word 2016**
10 a.m. Wednesday, May 20

**Introduction to Microsoft PowerPoint**
10 a.m. Thursday, May 21

**Making a Newsletter in Microsoft Word 2016**
10 a.m. Wednesday, May 27

## Pride-Chaneyville Branch

**Mouse & Keyboard Basics**
4 p.m. Wednesday, May 6

**Computer Basics**
4 p.m. Wednesday, May 13

**Word Basics**
4 p.m. Wednesday, May 20

## South Branch

**Introduction to The Digital Library**
3 p.m. Wednesday, May 13

**Introduction to Gale Legal**
3 p.m. Wednesday, May 27

## Zachary Branch

**The Digital Library**
3 p.m. Saturday, May 2

**One-on-One Computer Help**
5 p.m. Monday May 4, 11 & 18
5 p.m. Tuesday May 5, 12 &19

**One-on-One Genealogy Help**
5 p.m. Thursday May 7, 14, 21 & 28

**Introduction to Google Drive**
3 p.m. Saturday, May 16

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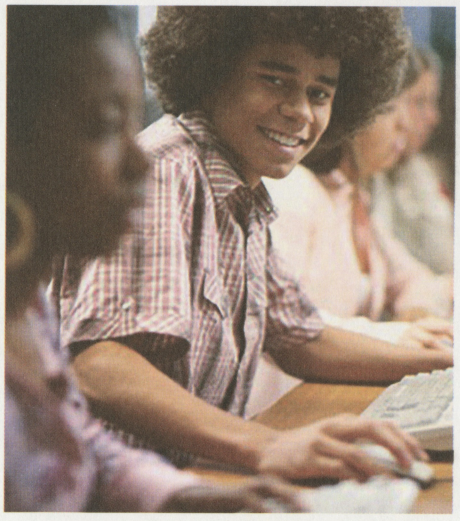

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13600 Pride–Port Hudson Road
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### River Center Branch Library
250 North Boulevard (225) 389-4967
Monday – Thursday, 9 a.m. – 8 p.m.
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Sunday, 2 – 6 p.m.

### Scotlandville Branch Library
7373 Scenic Highway (225) 354-7540
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### South Branch Library
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**Library Board of Control Meeting**
**Thursday, May 21 at 4 p.m.**
**Main Library at Goodwood**
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